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Later from Australia.

By the arrival of the bark D. M. Hall on Saturday, we are indebted to Messrs. Southgate & Co. for a San Francisco *Bulletin* of the 7th inst., a few hours later than the dates received here by overland mail, from which we take the following Australian items:

The Victoria Parliament had been steadily engaged in the work of legislation. It was proposed to bring the expenditure of the country within the revenue, or practically, to about £3,000,000—equal to \$15,000,000! The present salary of the Governor is £10,000 per annum, with £5,000 for staff and household allowances, and £3,000 for the rent of Toorack House, (the temporary Government House,) which is privately— in all \$20,000! It was proposed to limit the salary to £7,500, with £3,000 for rent; but a bill to that effect, after passing the House, was rejected by the Council. It is a great thing to be Governor of a rich gold colony.

There was nothing particularly new as to the mines. The yield of gold has materially increased for the first two months of 1861, and the receipts were valued at nearly \$5,000,000 per month. The Chinese, of whom there are large numbers, were causing much trouble in the mining localities, and it was becoming a serious question how to deal with them. In the Pyrenees district there were between 20,000 and 30,000 people, who were impatiently expecting rains, to wash up the auriferous dust collected during the previous three months. Large returns were expected from this district.

The crops were represented as looking well, with a fair average prospect.

Emigration was setting towards California and British Columbia, and several vessels had sailed or were on the berth, taking principally passengers. One cause of this exodus was said to be dissatisfaction with the Colonial Government.

The population of the Colony of Victoria, on the 1st of January, 1861, was computed at 340,000 males, and 210,000 females: total 550,000.

YOUR SECRET OR YOUR LIFE.—In a chateau not far from Paris, some private theatricals were recently represented, at which all the neighboring gentry were present. After the performance, M. C.—, a rich land owner of the vicinity, was passing in his carriage through a wood of considerable extent, when a troop of bandits, armed to the teeth, masked, and in the costume of the time of Louis XIII, high boots, plumed hats, &c., surrounded the carriage, forced the servants and master to lie face downward, by the side of the road, and then proceeded to ransack the vehicle; boxes were opened, the portmanteau of the gentleman searched, every article examined, even the cushions were sounded. At length, vexed at finding nothing, they lifted up the terrified millionaire.

"Do you wish to save your life?" asked the chief of the band.

"Take everything I possess," cried the unfortunate, offering his purse, his watch, and his jewels.

"Bah! keep your money; we are richer than you are."

"What is it you wish, then?" asked the captive in mournful voice.

"You must give us, instantly, the secret of your hair dye!"

One can judge of the burst of laughter which accompanied the demand. This pleasantries had been plotted by the young men who had been singing the chorus of the comic opera, in hats and yellow boots hired from the theatres.

Mr. Horace Mayew, in his new work on *Jutland*, tells the following story: "An English manufacturer, settled somewhere in Zealand, amused himself by changing the eggs laid by a stork, who annually built her nest on his house, for those of an owl. In due course of time the eggs were hatched, and he was startled one morning by a tremendous row going on in the nest of the parent storks. The male, in a violent state of excitement, flew round and round his nest; the female chattered away, protecting her nestling under her wings; it was quite evident that the stork was not satisfied with the produce of his helpmate; there was something *louche* about the whole affair; he would not recognize the offspring. After a violent dispute the male flew away, and shortly returned, accompanied by two other storks, birds of consequence and dignity. They sat themselves down on the roof, and listened to the pros and cons of the matter. Mrs. Stork was compelled to rise and exhibit her children. 'Can they be mine?' exclaimed the stork. 'Happen what may, I will never recognize them!' On her side Mrs. Stork protested and fluttered, and vowed it was all *whispering*—she had stork possessed so faithful a wife before. Alas! alas! how sold in the gentle sex meets with justice in this world when judged by man, or, in this case, by stork kind. The judges looked wondrous wise, consulted, and then of a sudden, without pronouncing sentence, regardless of the shrieks for mercy, fell on the injured Mrs. Stork, and pecked her to death with their long sharp beaks. As for the young owls, they would not defile their bills by touching them, so they kicked them out of the nest, and they were killed in the tumble. The father stork, broken-hearted, quitted his abode, and never again returned to his former building-place."

VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND. MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1861.

NO. 12.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PROCLAMATION



Vancouver Island.

By His Excellency JAMES DOUGLAS, Companion of the most Honorable Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Vancouver Island and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, etc., etc., etc.

WHEREAS the House of Assembly convened on the 1st day of March, 1860, has been prorogued until the 12th day of June, 1861.

Now I, James Douglas, do proclaim and declare that the said House of Assembly is hereby prorogued until Wednesday, the 26th day of June next ensuing, for the dispatch of business.

Issued under the Public Seal of the said Colony, at Victoria, Vancouver Island, this ninth day of May, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty one, and in the twenty-fourth year of Her Majesty's Reign.

JAMES DOUGLAS.

By His Excellency's Command.

WILLIAM A. G. YOUNG.

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VICTORIA, Nov. 17th, 1860.

Gratuitous.

Notices of Divine Service and Advertisements of Marriages or Deaths inserted GRATUITOUSLY.

MR. HENRY WALTON is alone authorized to collect and receipt for monies due this office.

Monday Morning, June 24, 1861.

Steam Communication.

We fully agree with the *British Columbian*, that direct steam communication with San Francisco is one of the greatest wants of the country. We may say it is about the only means by which population can be brought into the country. Other colonies spend thousands upon thousands of pounds to induce immigration to their shores; and if our two colonies were to co-operate with each other in subsidizing ocean-mail steamers, even at a high rate, the subsidy could fairly be set down to the account of an emigration fund. Besides affording a cheap and expeditious mode of introducing population into the country, direct steam communication would afford us material advantages in the shape of regular transmission of our mails and the less bulky articles of freight. As British Columbia has nearly double our population, and from the character of her industrial resources would naturally absorb the majority of the immigrants, it would not be unfair to expect her to double the subsidy given by this Colony, and the least that we should appropriate could not be less than £500 per month. In fact, £2000 were offered by our citizens to the California Steamship Companies, and refused. If British Columbia would double the amount or add £5000, there can be no question but steam communication can be had. The increase in time to reach New Westminster; the more difficult route there than to reach Victoria, and the extra detention, would very naturally call for a larger subsidy from that Colony than from this. And although the total amount proposed is large when compared with the slender resources of each, we believe the increase in travel alone would make a sufficient addition to our circulating medium in a year to counterbalance the subsidy, without taking into account the acquisition to our population which cannot but follow.

The clap-trap expedient of trying to get up steam communication between Victoria and San Francisco only, we regard as a waste of time. Even petitions to the Home Government we regard as next to useless. It is certainly no harm to send them; but what good will be attained by it, is a question that is extremely difficult to answer. Already has the Colonial Office refused to listen to Gov. Douglas' recommendation for a steam subsidy for British Columbia as well as this Colony; and the probability is the Home Government will continue to pursue its niggardly policy of founding colonies and at the same time ignore all aid, except the mercantile interests of England can see and feel directly the advantages to arise therefrom. There would never have been a subsidy to the Cunard steamers had it not been for the intimate and important commercial relations between British and American merchants. The same may be said of Australia, or India and China, or the West Indies and South America. If we want to succeed in getting a subsidy in England for foreign-going steamers we have to show how the Imperial mercantile interests suffer directly by not having it, besides showing how their interests would be promoted by having it. Imperial statesmen study the interests of the British people at home; not those of mere colonists. The Imperial tax-payer is not to be called upon for taxes without a *quid pro quo*. Our trade at present with England is a mere nothing. San Francisco is our supplying point. Under such circumstances, it will require more powerful friends than have yet appeared in behalf of these Colonies to get an Imperial subsidy. Nothing short of a Colonial Secretary like Lytton, whose statesmanship oscillated between the cent-per-cent. policy of his colleagues, and a visionary desire to distinguish himself by reviving the colony-founding mania of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, is likely to do it. We may bluster, and bully, and tease, and by incessant importunities worry the Imperial Government into granting a pinching allowance; but we believe it is not likely to occur till some controlling English interest can be promoted by the appropriation. Entertaining such views, we see no way—no speedy way—to obtain regular steam connection with San Francisco, except by the two colonies doubling their teams and hauling on a steam line subsidized by themselves. It may cost a good deal, may add to our taxes; but neither cost nor taxes would be felt if a proportionate increase in our population followed. Besides, taxes like rent are never felt if there is business; and how we can increase business without population, or how we can add to our population without steamers direct to San Francisco, we cannot see.

New Land Proclamation.

The last news from British Columbia brings the cheering intelligence that a check has been given at last to land speculation. Hereafter our neighbor cannot be plundered of her best land either by official favoritism or through governmental negligence to enact laws to prevent it. Whether it is to be attributed to New Westminster's philippes or to the picturesque scenery and pure mountain air of Yale or not, one fact is indisputable, that the new land proclamation, issued at Yale on May 28th, by Gov. Douglas, is calculated to soothe irritated patriotism, and turn speculators into farmers. It may be, however, that the bars have not been put up till all the fat kine have had all they could eat in the public pastures. But whether the latter be true or not, here is the essence of the new ukase, as it appeared in the *Columbian*:

WHEREAS by the Country Land Act, 1851, the price of all unsurveyed country land in British Columbia, whether acquired by Pre-emption or Purchase, under the Proclamation dated the 4th day January, 1850, was fixed at four shillings and two pence per acre, and

Whereas it is inexpedient that any person other than bona fide settler, should take up land under the said Proclamation, and without the occupation and improvement necessary under the said Proclamation to complete his title as a Pre-emptor.

Now, therefore, I do hereby declare, proclaim, and enact as follows:

That all persons who may, after the date hereof, purchase land under the provisions of the Proclamation of the 4th day of January, 1850, or the Country Land Act, 1851, shall hold the same under precisely the same terms and conditions of occupation and improvement as are mentioned in the said Proclamation of the 4th day of January, 1850, with regard to lands pre-empted without purchase.

No person shall be entitled to hold by pre-emption more than 160 acres under the said Proclamation, or any of them at one time.

If any person, being already registered as a Pre-emptor, pre-empt any other land under the provisions of the said Proclamation, the land so previously pre-empted shall *ipso facto* be forfeited, and shall, with all improvements made thereon, be open to settlement by any other person.

This Proclamation may, on all occasions, be cited as the Pre-emption Purchase Act, 1851.

Hereafter, whether land be bought or pre-empted, occupation and improvement are essential conditions to the enjoyment of the property. We pity the South Bentick Arm speculators who have registered 900 acres since the date of the Proclamation. They ought to have been smarter; ought to have had a friend at court. Bella-Coola town-site is now open to pre-emption to any who will squat upon it, register it, and live there. But Inlet, and other inlets to which attention has lately been directed, are open to pre-emption or purchase by bona fide occupants, yet no one has taken up land there; so there is a good opportunity for somebody to take up a claim and risk the chances of a route to the interior; but fortunately he cannot be a kid-gloved speculator.

New Bridges.

The combination who engineered through the Legislature the New Bridge bill, and afterwards spanned Rock Bay and Victoria Arm with bridges, plead "not liable to make good the approaches." Their bargain, it appears, ended with the completion of the bridges themselves, although they have expended several hundred dollars in approaches. We were always under the impression that the road as well as the bridges were to be made travelable by the combination before the old bridge was to be removed; but it is not so. If money or labor of chain-gang is to be put on the road, instead of dabbling with Store street, the most direct road to Government street from the bridges should be adopted. The latter street is central, not one-sided; and is the proper avenue through which to go to Esquimalt via Point Ellis.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Administrator's Notice.

ROBERT LEWIS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS. The creditors and others having claims against the estate of Robert Lewis, late of Victoria, Vancouver Island, are hereby required, on or before the 5th day of July next, to send in full particulars of their claims to Mr. David Alexander Edgar of Victoria, aforesaid Administrator of the estate and effects of the deceased; and in default thereof they will be summarily excluded from all benefit under the Administrator.

And notice is hereby further given that all persons indebted to the estate of the said deceased are required forthwith to pay the amount of their debts to the said Administrator.

GEORGE PEARKES, Solicitor.

Victoria, June 22d, 1861. Je24

Notice to Consignees.

THE BARK D. M. HALL. CAPT. BLAKR, from San Francisco, will commence discharging cargo on MONDAY MORNING, June 24th, at UNION WHARF.

Consignees will please pay freight at the office of the Underwriter and receive orders for their goods. All merchandise when landed on the Wharf will be at the risk of the owners thereof, and if not removed before 5 o'clock of each day, will be stored at their expense and risk.

J. J. SOUTHIGATE & CO., Agents, Wharf street.

VICTORIA DELUGE ENGINE HOUSE, NO. 1, GOVERNMENT street.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF DELUGE ENGINE COMPANY, held June 22d, A. D. 1861, the following Resolutions were offered and passed unanimously, to wit:

In the departure of our worthy President, Mr. JAMES E. WOLFE, from amongst us, we lose an honored and most efficient member of our Company, and who, as an officer, has always been ready and at his post.

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Company be tendered Mr. JAMES E. WOLFE for his many kind and courteous examples and counsels in the first organization of this Company, and the unbiased care with which he has decided all matters coming before him as Presiding Officer of Deluge Engine Company, No. 1.

Resolved, That in retiring from our midst to the bosom of his family, from whom he has been separated for a period of time, he has the heartfelt good wishes of this Company for his safe return and a long life-time of blessings and happiness with those so dear to him and whom he has so often referred to in our conversations.

Resolved, That the preceding resolutions be published in our daily newspapers, and that a copy be furnished our President as a testimonial of our esteem.

J. S. DRUMMOND, Secretary.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

MR. DRAKE, 63 GOVERNMENT Street has received the appointment of Notary Public for the fortresses Colonies.

My 25th

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THE BRITISH COLONIST

Monday Morning, June 24, 1861.

LATER FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

CONFICTING ACCOUNTS.

The steamers *Otter* and *Gov. Douglas* arrived from New Westminster on Saturday evening, bringing a large number of passengers and \$45,000 in gold dust.

The Governor and suite came passengers by the *Otter*.

The accounts from above are very conflicting in their character; some assert that there is no scarcity of provisions at the mines, while others maintain that a famine exists at Cariboo, and that a large number of miners are on their way down. Positive information may be expected by the next arrival.

Dewdney's wagon-road from Hope to Similkameen, it is said, will be one of the best roads in the country when completed.

Captain Jeffray favored us with the following items:

Considerable activity is observable at all the river towns on the matter of improved trails into the interior.

The river has risen about one foot.

Three Cariboo trains were at Yale on Monday, loading for the return trip.

Mr. Ladner, a packer from Cariboo, gives an exciting account of the richness of Antler Creek; but says that the supply of provisions is much too light to meet the demand.

Packing is 25 cents per pound from Lytton to Quesnelle; and 30 to 32 cents per pound from Yale to the same point.

Capt. Howard, Stamp, and others from this city have reached Quesnelle in safety.

Several pack-trains were sold on the upper route last week, and the former owners have started for Oregon to drive over other trains. The scarcity of animals will prove a great drawback to the progress of the country this year.

Sixty Thompson River Indians, packed with goods for Oppenheimer's store at Lytton City, left Yale on Thursday.

Capt. Gosset and Justice Elwyn are at New Westminster making arrangements for the starting of the gold escort.

At New Westminster the streets are being graded, and the town is improving greatly.

Mr. P. Smith of Port Douglas says the information he furnished the *British Columbian* with regard to the 600 mines returning from Cariboo, was obtained through a letter which he received from a person at present at Keithley's Creek. He has every confidence in the writer and considers the statement reliable.

The silver mines on Harrison Lake are being worked with vigor. Thirty bags of the ore were brought down by the steamer *Gov. Douglas* for assay, and two thousand feet of lumber were landed at the mines on Thursday by the Flying Dutchman.

The Governor has appropriated £200 for the building of a church at Cayoosh, and a like sum for the same purpose at Port Douglas.

Messrs. Fisher, Ritchie and Tompkins left Cayoosh about a month since to explore the route from Alexander to the coast. Fisher stopped at Williams Lake and the remaining two left Alexander and have not since been heard from.

Packing from Douglas to Cayoosh is from 8½ to 9½ cents per pound. Fifteen large wagons, are now running regularly on the Harrison-Lillooet trail; more are expected from California shortly.

The contract for building a wagon-road from Seton Lake to Cayoosh is to be again given out.

Mr. N. Koshland states that he was told by a packer recently from Quesnelle that on his way down he got 1000 animals on the road to Forks City, and that no miners had started to come down.

Goods cannot be taken out of Fort Yale for want of animals. Tons of merchandise are stored waiting for transportation to the upper country.

W. T. Ballou, Esq., furnishes us the following items from Hope:

Mr. Tyson arrived at Hope on the 21st, by the Daily Passenger Train from Lytton. He left Cariboo on the 7th inst., and stated that not a single man has left or thought of leaving that section for the lower river, and flour was worth only 35 cents per pound at Quesnelle; that packers get now to within 22 miles of Antler Creek; that there are plenty of provisions for present wants at Cariboo for double the number of people there. The snow is melting very fast, and Mr. T. says miners have good prospects. In fact, he substantiates all previous statements about the mines. Mr. Tyson was formerly steward of the late steamer *Yale*. Letters received at Hope and Yale corroborate his statement, and say people are arriving every day and none leaving, and speak of it as good sign.

A new stream, called Grouse Creek, lately prospected, proves almost if not as good as Antler Creek.

Mr. Robinson arrived at Hope the same day from Rock Creek and Similkameen. He says only five have left Rock Creek for the Nez Perces mines, and that he learned that quite a number of miners were at Colville en route to Rock Creek from the Nez Perces, although the Nez Perces mines are said to be good. The water is fast falling and miners are beginning again to take out gold.

Many of the claims pay better than they did last year.

Mr. Wm. Barry has also arrived from Rock Creek. The new diggings on Okanagan Lake are creating quite an excitement at Rock Creek and Similkameen.

A Frenchman, called Dr. Nascon, was murdered by an Indian a few days ago; the authorities were after the murderer, but had not caught him when Mr. B. left. It is said that a Similkameen Indian went to his chief and acknowledged to having killed a man (or Frenchman); but the body of the man has not been found; therefore it is not positive that the doctor is killed.

LETTER FROM CARIBOO.

KEITHLEY CREEK, June 11, 1861.

ROUTE TO THE NEW DIGGINGS.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—As everybody is going or has gone to the Cariboo country and other portions of the new Eldorado, I took it into my cranium a few days ago to follow the crowd and make one of the number. I found much on my way here which I deemed would be interesting to all those that take an interest in reading the Colonist, and that is everybody up this way, and I was forced to stop at the Halfway House and send you some of yesterdays gatherings. The present route from Quesnelle city to the new gold fields, although another and better one will soon supersede it via the ferry on the main Quesnelle, is up the North Fork to Cariboo Lake, thence up Keithley Creek about five miles, where it winds off towards Snowshoe Creek, thence over Snowshoe mountain and down to Antler Creek; the entire distance being about forty-five miles from Quesnelle city.

THE NORTH FORK.

When swollen as it now is, by the melting of the snow, is a very swift stream; having considerable descent, it waters rush with great velocity till it loses itself in the main Quesnelle. Although the North Fork has a deserted appearance at present, my attention was often attracted, as I passed along its auriferous banks, to the numerous notices which were posted up claiming the bed of the stream for mining purposes during the following winter and spring. This speaks well for its gold-bearing qualities, as it has been tested in numerous places during the past season, and all, as I have been informed, were well rewarded for their labor.

HOW CLAIMS ARE STAKED OFF.—BLUNDERS OF THE COMMISSIONERS, ETC.

The most ridiculous thing about taking up claims in this district is the manner by which the Commissioner compels the miners to adhere to the law with regard to these stakes. They must, like the "pound of flesh," be precisely so many inches square, and firmly fixed in the ground, on both ends of their claim, like a town lot in Victoria. It is all proper and right; to have the laws strictly adhered to, but when the by-laws are called in question, which are not so easily expounded as the one just referred to, by men of small calibre, then I am sorry to say a great deal of dereliction takes place; because when a mining dispute occurs in a locality where laws are made by a few men without any authority to do so, and in trying to reconcile them with those issued by his Excellency under the "Gold Fields Act," a complete amalgamation takes place, and hence many blunders are committed, which are difficult to settle in after time. Such a state of affairs has already been inaugurated at these new gold fields, where the Commissioner being called upon to settle some disputes which had arisen with regard to claims, and in trying to do so, in harmony with the laws which the miners had made and those of the Government, he made such a complete mess of it, that when called upon afterwards to settle other disputes, he refused going to do so; his only reason being, that he was waiting for the Great Expeditor to come along—meaning Judge Begbie. When that will be, time only can tell, as he has never been seen in these parts yet. Many sustain great injury by thus procrastinating matters in dispute. If His Excellency would visit us once, and study our interest a little more by appointing practical men to office instead of empty empirics, the machinery of government would run much more smoothly than it has during the past three years.

CARIBOO LAKE AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

Cariboo Lake is sixteen miles long and five wide. It is surrounded on all sides by a dense forest of stately pines, without a single vista or avenue by which one could enter any distance from its pebbly shore. It is a beautiful sheet of water and produces the most delicious trout in great abundance. A large number of creeks highly productive of the precious metal empty into the lake, the most conspicuous of which are Keithley's, Harvey's and Goose Creeks. Martin, Martin & Co., Edwards & Co., and others who had their flumes in Keithley's Creek before high water, did remarkably well, making on the average forty dollars per day to the hand. The various companies who have thus far got to work on Goose Creek, are finding golden eggs, (excuse the pun) in great abundance. The prospects obtained during low water on Harvey's have induced the companies there to go into more extensive operations this season than last, and there is no doubt they will be richly rewarded for their labor.

NEW DISCOVERIES, ETC.

Everything looks very encouraging up here at present, and great discoveries are being made in the neighborhood of Antler and Cunningham's creeks; the latest of which is Williams' Creek, called after Dutch Bill, a noted mountaineer and prospector in these upper regions. Quite an excitement exists in regard to this last discovery.

H. H. S.

LETTER FROM PORT DOUGLAS.

PORT DOUGLAS, June 20th, 1861.

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—The packers and all the residents on the Harrison-Lillooet route rejoice to learn that His Excellency has consented to widen the wagon-roads at present being constructed. The roads are much too narrow for practical purposes, and it very often happens, where two wagons meet, one has to back down—sometimes the distance of a mile—to permit the other to get by. The scarcity of provisions in the upper country is enough to satisfy any man that something must be done to supply the miners, and we know of no better way than to make the trails as good as possible. The new roads are only twelve feet wide, and a wagon measures seven feet. So you can get some idea of the disadvantages we labor under. The road, if eighteen or nineteen feet in width, would just suit, but it is a mistake to suppose that provisions can be any cheaper at Cariboo so long as the present obstacles continue.

A PACKER.

INDIAN FIGHT.—The Bella-Bellas and Hydah tribes of Indians came into collision yesterday afternoon. Sticks, stones, and knives were used, and broken heads were as common as rot-gut whisky. The Bella-Bellas came off victorious, at which unexpected stroke of good fortune they became so elated that they fell to fighting among themselves, but were finally dissuaded from doing much damage by the interposition of kindhearted citizens.

CRICKET.—In the cricket match on Saturday, the Fleet Club was again victorious, beating the Victorians with five wickets to go down.

The steamer *Pacific* is fully due to-day.

SUPPOSED FOUL PLAY.—A French boy, about 14 years of age, died on Saturday last, at the residence of his father, back of the government buildings, under circumstances which give rise to the supposition that his end was brought about by foul means. It is said that about two months ago the lad fell from a horse and displaced his right shoulder blade, since which time he was ailing until Saturday, when he died. Another account says that since the accident, he has been debauched by his unnatural parent from the procurement of common necessities, and had died from starvation and severe beating. The Police found the body laid out and about being placed in a coffin for interment. The corpse presented an emaciated appearance, and under the circumstances the Coroner, Dr. Dickson, deems it advisable to hold an inquest over the body at two o'clock this afternoon, when the real facts attending the demise will probably be developed. The father of deceased was placed under arrest on Saturday evening, but was subsequently discharged on his recognizances.

MURDER OF A SQUAW.—The body of a young Hydah squaw was found in the bushes, a little back of the Esquimalt road, on Saturday afternoon last, bearing marks which leave no doubt that she had met her death through violence. In addition to a deep stab in the back, the body, particularly about the breast and shoulders, bear traces of having been stamped upon by some person wearing heavy boots, and in two places the marks of boot-heels are plainly discernible. Quite an excitement was manifested by her tribe when the body was first found, and word having been conveyed to the station-house, the Police proceeded to the lodges and succeeded in allaying the excitement. The murder is laid to one or more of the Flathead tribe, who seem to have a habit peculiar to themselves of murdering defenseless Northern squaws and secreting the bodies in the woods. No inquest will be held.

HARRISON WHITE.—A Mr. Sheldon called on us Saturday and stated that he was well acquainted with Harrison White, the mill proprietor whose body was found near Fort Hope, some six months ago, with marks of violence upon it; that deceased was native of Mississippi, about 40 years of age, six feet high, stoutly built, and was reported to be worth about \$75,000 in California. There is not the least doubt but deceased is the same person information of whose whereabouts was requested by a Mr. White residing in Mississippi. The San Francisco *Herald* will please copy this paragraph, it being desirable that his relatives should be informed as to his fate in order that immediate steps may be taken for the settlement of deceased's estate.

A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION.—In view of the present scarcity of pack-animals in British Columbia, it is suggested that Governor Douglas should issue a proclamation removing for a time the duty upon the value of all animals crossing the frontier or entering the sister colony at New Westminster. We consider the suggestion a very sensible one, as it may induce Oregon capitalists to rush in a large number of mules this summer, which otherwise they could not be induced to do.

A REGULAR STAND-UP.—Two Northern Indians, on Saturday evening, on the old bridge, fell to quarreling about the proprietorship of a pair of pantaloons which one of them wore, and a regular stand-up fight was the consequence. Officer Riley, happening along when the fight was waxing hot, nipped both the belligerents and escorted them to jail.

AUCTION.—Mr. McCrea will sell by auction this morning, at 11 o'clock, at the warehouse of Messrs. Stewart, Meldrum & Co., a large lot of liquors, wines, fancy goods, pipes, harness, a bagatelle table, an iron house, and many other articles. Terms, under \$100, cash; over \$100, 30 days; over \$300, 60 days—approved paper.

NEW BRICKS.—Three one-story brick buildings will shortly be erected on the property of James Yates, Esq., on Yates street, extending from McDonald's bank to Blackman's stove store.

LADY FRANKLIN.—The last news from the Sandwich Islands represents Lady Franklin to have returned to Honolulu from her Island tour. She would shortly leave for Australia.

THE STEAMER.—The steamer *Pacific* is reported to have gone up the Sound about four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF VICTORIA, V. I.

ARRIVED.

June 22—Sloop Petrel, Wayne, Port Townsend; Boat Flying Cloud, Day, San Juan; Bark D. M. Hall, Blake, San Francisco; Stur Otter, Mount, New Westminster; Stur Gov. Douglas, Irving, New Westminster.

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18. In the absence of Mr. Richards, Mr. Martin is authorized to act for him.

Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam, a Great remedy for COLDS and CONSUMPTION.—Port Laredo, Mexico, June 10, 1861.—Messrs. A. L. and J. G. Hall—Dear Sirs: I formerly lived in Filmore, Putnam County, Indiana, and while I was there I was attacked with a violent cough, which reduced me very low, and I tried several remedies all to no purpose, and finally one of my neighbors came and told me about Dr. Wm. Hall's Balsam for the Lungs being very highly recommended for such diseases, and by recommendations I was induced to try the remedy. I used only TWO BOTTLES, and it CURED me.

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